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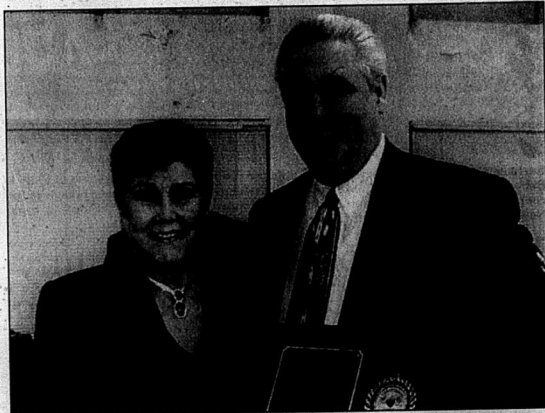
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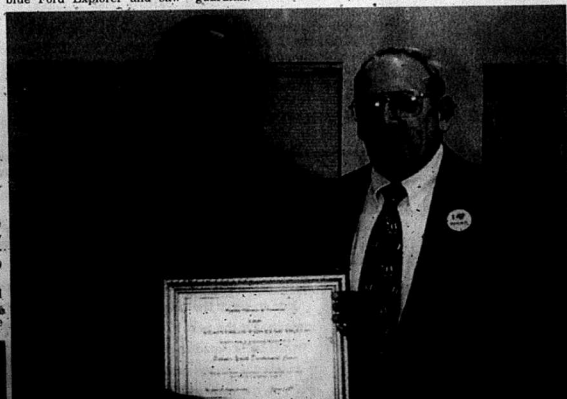
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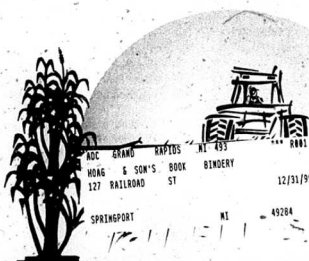
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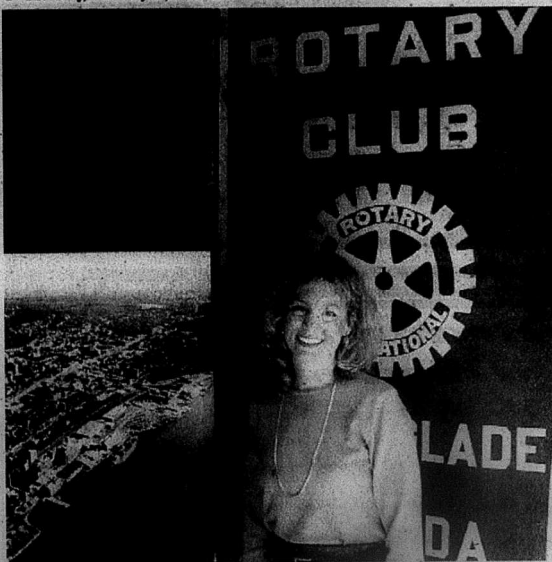
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World's most magical family coming to Glades Day School

Glades Day School will host Vince Carmen and his family of girls, directly from the Circus Circus Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Circus Circus Corporation presents the largest family entertainment hotels in the world. Illusionist Vince Carmen, his wife, Yvonne, and daughters have been the big magic attraction at Circus Circus for several years, literally

entertaining hundreds of thousands of families annually.

Vince Carmen is a world-touring magician, proving that magical illusions as entertainment will bridge all barriers, entertain all ages, and in fact, is an international language.

This family will be at Glades Day School performing in the gymnasium on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Proceeds from this perfor-

mance will benefit the Safety Patrol trip to Washington, D.C.

Tickets are \$6 when purchased in advance or \$8 at the door. For each adult ticket sold, it will allow two children to attend for free. Limited seating is available so the community is encouraged to purchase tickets early. For advance tickets call Glades Day Elementary at 996-4140.

Internet has host of weather sites

By Mike Lyons

I am constantly amazed at the diversity of the internet. Type in a few words on any search engine and before you know it you are moving at warp speed down the information super highway.

Just the other day, for example, I was looking for the dates of this year's Governor's Hurricane conference in Tampa. The five-day session is one of the largest and best hurricane meetings held in the United States each year.

As usual, my search produced thousands of matches to the words "hurricane conference", including an intriguing web page called "Hurricane City". The subtitle was even more interesting: "Hurricanes! How does your city rank?"

A keystroke or two later I was looking at a list of cities that get "brushed or hit" most often by hurricanes or tropical storms. It's a ranking of what some might consider the unluckiest places on earth!

Catalogued by Broward County resident Jim Williams, the list is compiled from 142 cities throughout the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean that have been threatened by a tropical cyclone.

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to leave for a couple of weeks before we can return, why should we return?"

According to Mayor Alvis Davis, the rules for the campground were adopted in 1986 and that rule was placed in the by-laws to keep the campground from becoming a trailer park or a permanent residence for campers.

Commissioner Henry Crawford told the campers that several other area campgrounds were contacted at the time the rule was made and they have the same rule, the only difference is that some campgrounds have an area for extended visitors.

"We do not want campers to establish a residence down there. When you have cable and telephone service established then before you know it

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Mrs. Thompson went on to say that no task is too big for Barbara to accomplish. "The bigger the challenge, the bet-



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National Hurricane Center, Williams employs simple arithmetic to rank his cities. If a city is brushed or hit by a tropical cyclone 59 times over the past 127 years, as the Cayman Islands have, then 127 divided by 59 means the Cayman Islands can expect a tropical cyclone once every 2.15 years.

The Cayman Islands, by the way, are ranked number one on this year's list. Yes, John apparently has been compiling this survey for a number of years. You can even find out if your city moved up or dropped down from last year's survey.

Delray Beach (11), Ft. Pierce (12) and Stuart (17), all rose on Williams' list because of Tropical Storm Mitch, a late season tropical cyclone that swept across Florida in early November.

On the other hand, Miami (5), Cozumel, Mexico (13),

Crawford told the commission they could only use the patrol cars if there were two people in the car.

According to the rules of the Community Oriented Policing (COP), two people must be in the car at all times. Mr. Crawford is a member of the COP program and it was suggested that other commissioners join this important program.

you have children living there and the bus would need to go down there," said Mr. Crawford.

The commission decided to hold a workshop meeting Tuesday night (Feb. 16) in order to receive some input from residents and the campers. Commissioners told the campers to disregard the eviction notice until the workshop meeting.

This brought an outcry from some residents who say you can't change the rules just because some of the campers don't like them. Cindy Williams told the commission she has noticed some campers living at the campground and that was not the intention of the camping area.

"I notice campers living there and the city has had a hard time in the past getting them out of there," said Ms.

ter. How can one person be so beautiful, so caring, so giving and yet so humble? "I believe that her strength comes from God, but her support comes from her husband, Hugh," said Mrs. Thompson. "Tonight I congratulate you, Barbara and I thank you, Hugh, for sharing her with us."

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Galveston, Texas (32) and Apalachicola, Florida (41) all dropped this year because those towns were not hit or brushed by a tropical system. According to Williams, it is when a storm comes within 60 miles of any city.

Of course, as Williams points out, just because your city has a high ranking (Palm Beach, number 36 on the list, can expect a hurricane every 3.34 years) doesn't mean it will actually be struck by a tropical system every two to three years.

These are averages and, while the information is fascinating, every time I hear the word "average" I'm reminded of Mark Twain. Twain said that if you put one foot in a bucket of boiling water and the other foot in a bucket of ice water, then on average, you should be comfortable.

Jim Williams, a man who admits to being "hooked on hurricanes", has found a way to share his enthusiasm for the strongest storm on earth. He has created an engaging web page that is bound to generate quite a bit of discussion.

It is just another example of the amazing World Wide Web.

Mike Lyons is the Chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.

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Williams. "They work on their cars there and who would want to go to a campsite that looked like that? You are going up there to enjoy yourself and as far as the six month rule, I think it is a good thing to have, maybe you should consider leaving it at six months but having the option to extend it for three months at a time if everything is what it should be."

Ms. Williams told the commission she knew there were several people who were living at the campground and if they are talking about giving money to the town, then they can rent something in the town.

"There are places for sell in this town. You don't have to live in a trailer park. We need people paying on the tax base, not just sitting up in the park that's for campers," said Ms. Williams.

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Other Award winners included the Pahokee Youth Development Center for the Business of the Year Award and Warren and Shirlee Ingram for Volunteer of the Year.

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idies show Neurontin can reduce chronic neuropathic pain

PSA)-For millions of Americans suffering from an unrelenting condition chronic neuropathic pain, here's a ray of hope.

Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) recently published an study which reported that the Neurontin® (gabapentin capsules), can reduce two types of chronic neuropathic pain in patients-first, for people who suffer from diabetes-related pain, and second, for people who suffer from the severe pain of shingles.

The study examined the effects of Neurontin on patients with diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN), a chronic, often lifelong condition that affects approximately half of the estimated 16 million people with diabetes in the United States. In the DPN study, patients demonstrated a significant reduction in pain after treatment with the drug, and that 26 percent of those patients treated with Neurontin were pain-free at the end of the study compared to 15 percent of patients treated with placebo. This difference was statistically significant.

The second study examined the use of Neurontin in patients suffering from post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), the chronic

neuropathic pain condition that can follow shingles. Findings of the PHN study showed that patients suffering from the condition experienced a statistically significant reduction in average daily pain after treatment with Neurontin. Importantly, almost twice as many patients treated with Neurontin (16 percent) were pain-free, versus those treated with placebo (8.8 percent) at the end of the trial. Both studies also showed that patients receiving Neurontin experienced improvement in sleep and overall quality of life.

"These new studies are welcome news," said Barry Eliot Cole, M.D., interim executive director of the American Academy of Pain Management. "I am encouraged by the results and look forward to continued research in the treatment of chronic neuropathic pain."

DPN is characterized by nerve fiber loss that can result in symptoms ranging from diminished pain and temperature perception, paresthesia ("pins and needles") and neuropathic (sharp or burning) pain, to loss of light touch and muscle weakness. Other symptoms include insomnia, anxiety, depression, weight loss, and a general decline in quality of life.

More than one million cases of shingles occur each year in the United States. In

the majority of patients, the condition is characterized by intense pain that has been described by sufferers as burning, deep aching, tearing and electric shock-like. While the chronic pain tends to fade over a period of time, as many as 15 percent suffer from chronic neuropathic pain that persists beyond the resolution of the shingles zoster rash. Pain that persists for three months after resolution of this rash is commonly defined as PHN. PHN may persist for years in some patients.

Neurontin, marketed by Parke-Davis as 100 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg capsules, is indicated as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial seizures with and without secondary generalization in adults (more than 12 years old). Neurontin is contraindicated in patients who have demonstrated hypersensitivity to the drug or its ingredients.

The most common adverse events during the clinical trials were somnolence (19.3 percent vs. 8.7 percent with placebo); dizziness (17.1 percent vs. 6.9 percent with placebo); ataxia (12.5 percent vs. 5.6 percent with placebo); fatigue (11 percent vs. 5 percent with placebo); nystagmus (8.3 percent vs. 4 percent with placebo).

For more information on chronic neuropathic pain, patients should consult with their physicians.

You Deserve To Know Who's reading your medical records?



By Sue A. Blevins

(NAPSA)-How do you feel about your employer having access to your medical records? Your gynecological history? Your mental health history? Your prescription drug history?

A growing number of Americans feel they are losing control over their medical privacy. The loss is real, and the main reason is that they are forced to rely on their employers for health insurance.

That's the result of federal tax law. Currently, employer-sponsored health insurance is fully excluded from income taxation, but individually purchased insurance is not. A worker earning \$25,000 a year would have to pay approximately \$540 more for health insurance if he purchased it himself rather than through his employer. (See my story "Restoring Health Freedom: The Case for a Universal Tax Credit for Health Insurance," published by the Cato Institute.)

Obviously, this tax policy

manipulates the health insurance market and harms people who buy their own insurance. Yet neither the Democrats' Patient Bill of Rights nor the Republicans' Patient Protection Act fixes this problem. Employers don't choose and sign contracts for their workers' fire and car insurance, but do choose their workers' health insurance. Employers don't decide who repairs their workers' houses or fixes their cars, but do choose who fixes their bodies. Employers don't read their workers' home and automobile repair records, but do review their health insurance claims. After all, he who pays the piper calls the tune.

Congress could easily secure individuals' medical privacy by changing the federal tax law for health insurance. Individuals should receive a tax credit for that insurance. Then, if workers don't like their bosses reading their medical records, they can buy health insurance on their own, without having to pay higher taxes.

The only way individuals will have true control over their medical privacy is if they become the purchasers and owners of their own health insurance policies.

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proper shoes will get you off on the right foot

(PSA)-If you're among millions of people exercising more in 1999, there are some key steps you can take to get the ball rolling.

According to Tom Brunick, if the country's leading retailers on athletic footwear, need to:

Pick a starting date for exercise routine

Set realistic goals

Announce your exercise to your friends to help

Make sure you have the right footwear for the exercise you choose

Keep a fitness log

cause the average person takes 9,000 steps each

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weight-selecting a shoe that fits is critical to

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injuries. Brunick says that

80 percent of people

discomfort at least some

discomfort from their

wear. To make sure

re wearing the shoe



Experts say that if you run three times a week, your shoes should be replaced every six months.

that's the best for what you do, consider the following:

• **One Size Doesn't Fit All**-It's important that you get your feet measured each time you buy athletic footwear. Believe it or not, your feet can change size at any age.

• **Remember the 2C's**-When selecting an athletic shoe, the amount of cushioning and comfort the shoe provides are most important. But be careful. Studies show that 90 percent of consumers wear their shoes too small. Likewise, comfortable shoes don't mean loose-fitting

shoes, which can cause blisters, foot instability and jammed toes.

• **All Shoes Aren't Created Equal**-While many athletic shoes may look similar, they are often quite different in their design and performance. Also, like jeans, sizes of shoes can vary among different brands and styles.

• **Change Your Shoes Every 500 Miles**-Just as you regularly change the oil in your car, you need to do the same with your athletic shoes-since continued use will gradually wear down the shoe's sole and reduce cushioning. A good rule of thumb is to change your shoes every six months if you exercise at least three times per week, every three months if you exercise daily.

• **Specialized Exercise Calls for Specialized Shoes**-If you participate in one specific sport or other fitness activity three times a week or more, you should consider selecting an athletic shoe that is made to handle the specific foot demands of that activity. If you frequent-

ly play tennis, for example, you need a tennis shoe that provides foot support for lateral movement. If you do a lot of walking, however, you'll need an athletic shoe with good cushioning and support.

• **Live and Learn**-Consider any history of foot problems you have the next time you choose new athletic shoes. For instance, if you have a tendency to sprain your ankle while exercising, you may want to consider a mid-cut shoe that will give you greater support in that area.

For more information on athletic shoes, visit The Athlete's Foot Web site at www.theathletesfoot.com. Tom Brunick, a director of The Athlete's Foot Store's R&D Center, has more than 25 years of experience in wear-testing athletic footwear. He currently serves as the technical advisor for *Shape* magazine, *Men's Fitness* magazine, *Tennis* magazine and *Golf Digest* magazine, and is the footwear editor for *Walking* magazine.

managing children's dental

an needed for good oral health

National Children's Dental Health Month! The Florida Dental Association encourages parents to help their children see dentists positively.

Attitudes about dentistry usually develop at a very early age," Dr. Denis Trupkin, a pediatric dentist in Plantation and member of the FDA's Committee on Children's Dental Health.

He "Helping children see the dental office as a good place can mean that they'll have good oral health as adults."

maintaining your child's oral health is a responsibility that you your dentist share. Work together to manage fears your child have about visiting the dentist.

The Florida Dental Association offers these suggestions to help your child be a well-adjusted dental patient:

Take children for regular dental checkups every six months, starting by their first birthday.

Make children's first dental visit a "happy" visit. Let them see the dentist and dental team members. Ask them to show you around the office and give them a "prize" - a sticker or brush - at the end of the visit. See *Children's Dental*, p. 13

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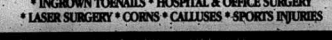
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UF researcher finds way to slow the aging process

By Kristin Harmel

University of Florida News

Contrary to what Juan Ponce de Leon thought when he searched for it in the 16th century, the fountain of youth is made of anti-oxidants, not water, and it's a lot easier to find than the famed explorer thought.

In a study published in this month's American Journal of Physiology, Christian Leeuwenburgh, a professor in the University of Florida's College of Health and Human Performance, found that anti-oxidant intervention, which can come from taking vitamin supplements or from a steady routine of exercise, slows parts of the aging process.

"Our most significant finding was that anti-oxidant intervention slows down basal skeletal muscle oxidation, which causes the body to age," said Leeuwenburgh, who did the study with Jay Heinecke, John Holloszy and Polly Hansen of the Washington University School of Medicine. "This is the first evidence of this."

Regular exercise or a diet including plenty of anti-oxidants such as vitamin E, vitamin C and beta carotene, all of which fight the tendency of oxygen to slowly break down muscle mass, might protect against the type of tissue and muscle loss that occur as individuals grow older, Leeuwenburgh said.

"When an individual grows old, we all know that the person loses a lot of muscle mass," Leeuwenburgh said. "One of the mechanisms that causes this is increased oxidant production, in a process known as muscle oxidation. Regular

exercise or anti-oxidant supplements could potentially improve and protect against this oxidative stress, which may have direct implications on tissue loss and the aging process."

Leeuwenburgh divided rats into two groups, one of which was given an anti-oxidant diet of beta carotene and vitamins E and C. After 21 months, the rate of muscle oxidation for the rats in the anti-oxidant groups was 50 percent lower than the rate for the rats in the control group.

Some of the rats that were not fed anti-oxidants were exercised regularly, and they, too, showed a decrease in muscle oxidation.

"We were surprised to see that regular exercise training was about as effective in reducing levels of oxidation as a diet of anti-oxidants," Leeuwenburgh said. "The combined effect of anti-oxidants and exercise, however, didn't cause a significantly lower level of muscle oxidation, which was interesting."

The study also was the first of its kind to show that levels of oxidation in the body can be determined non-invasively, by using specific markers in the urine. This will allow people to measure their levels of muscle oxidation more quickly and easily.

"People are talking a lot about oxidative stress these days, but we didn't previously have a way to measure it non-invasively," said Heinecke, a professor in the department of internal medicine at Washington University in St. Louis and one of Leeuwenburgh's partners in the study. "It's nice to

be able to measure this without going inside the body," he said.

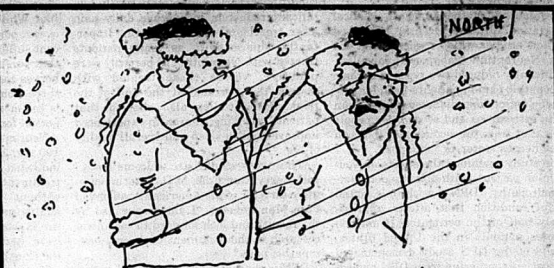
The marker found in the urine also may be useful as an indicator of other medical problems, which will contribute not only to slowing the aging process but also to protecting people against various diseases.

"This marker could be useful in assessing a variety of conditions, like Alzheimer's, atherosclerosis, cancer and the aging process itself," Leeuwenburgh said. "They've all been associated with increased free-radical formation, which can be detected in the urine."

A previous study by Leeuwenburgh also showed that a decrease in caloric intake, which can lead to a longer life span because of a reduction in the body's rate of metabolism, also causes a similar decrease in skeletal muscle oxidation.

Leeuwenburgh recommends an increase of daily anti-oxidant intake, especially in the form of vitamin E, because it also has been proven to protect against heart disease. In addition, he says that exercising more and eating less - both of which have been promoted for years as ways to stay healthy in everyday life - also will increase the human life span and help people stay younger longer.

"A big problem in society is that we're not active enough, and things like fast food contribute to an almost toxic lifestyle," he said. "If we could increase our daily activities and be more conscious of what we eat, we'll come a long way."



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Polarizing parents and schools make truancy worse

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

A child skips one school day after another. The teacher and principal blame the parents for not disciplining the youngster, while mom and dad fault the school for not giving the child the benefit of the doubt.

This tug-of-war is no child's game when it frequently makes the problem of truancy worse, a new University of Florida study suggests.

"Parents and schools often polarize, and the child loses out when these two key players are not able to resolve their differences," said David Hefty, who did the research for his doctoral dissertation at UF in mental health counseling. "The impact is like having two conflicting parents. The child is able to work one against the other."

An estimated 8 to 20 percent of American students are absent from school each day without a valid excuse, said Hefty, who in early 1998 studied 50 Alachua County families with truant children and 50 families without such a problem.

"Truancy is a serious social problem because it impacts us at so many different levels," he said. "Students who skip school are at increased risk for poor academic performance, dropping out of school, depression, unemployment and even substance abuse in later life. Also at the community level, research has shown time and time again a relationship between truancy and juvenile delinquency, with interven-

tions decreasing the daytime crime rate."

For school districts, regular student attendance is important because it affects the amount of state funding they receive, Hefty said. Large districts such as New York and Chicago have complained of losing millions of dollars as a result of truancy, he said.

The problem has worsened, as society has become more transitory, Hefty said. "There isn't the old school marm stereotype that there was years ago, when there was a much closer relationship between the school and families than there is now," he said.

Truancy occurs for a variety of social and economic reasons, said Hefty, who also works as program director for the Alachua County Truancy Center.

"It's common for us to encounter youth who skip school to go out and work at a paying job because they don't have money for shoes or clothes and are embarrassed by their appearance," he said. "Or a child may have to babysit at home. At the truancy center, law enforcement have even brought in youth who were prostituting all night. For those children, school is not even a consideration."

Often, truancy comes as a complete surprise to parents, who may drop their children off at the bus stop and assume they arrive at school only to learn they have been absent for weeks, Hefty said. Even though the law requires

schools to notify parents after their children have accumulated a certain number of unexcused absences, Hefty said he encourages parents to check in on a regular basis with the school system.

If a student continues to skip school, that suggests the key players in the child's life - parents and school officials - have failed to deal with the problem and the situation will continue until they resolve it, Hefty said.

"Schools need to make overtures toward engaging families," Hefty said. "Families work well with schools when they feel they have an ally, someone who's willing to sit down and understand their struggles."

Although the public school system already is overburdened, he said, there are other agencies to help them, including a state truancy program called Child in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services offered through the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

Jim Pearce, executive director of the Corner Drug Store, a drug counseling center in Gainesville, said Hefty's research is valuable because it focuses on why young people are truant. "We see so many different types of youngsters who are truant," he said. "It isn't just to skip school to enjoy springtime, to take drugs or alcohol, or because other students skip. It's a mixed game, why they skip, and so we need to treat them individually on a case-by-case basis."

Looking back through time...



Smiley the Bear came to visit a local school and was apparently a big hit. This photo was taken in the early 1970s in Belle Glade. Several callers gave us identification of last week's historical photo of young men holding trophies. They were Coach Ken Lassiter, Chuck Hickman, Eddie Cunningham and Steve Huggins.

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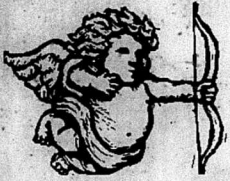
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Social News

The Xi Iota Alpha chapter of Seta Sigma Phi began the new year with its 306th regular business meeting at the home of Irma Goggans on Jan. 5. Along with usual chapter business and reports, the January social was also held on the 16th. Labeled a "game" party, it was held at the home of Kara and Vera Robinson. Members and their companions played Bunco, Nertz and Crazy-eights with considerable gusto while munching on refreshments. Gary Goggans was declared the winner in Bunco and also credited with a unique throwing style. Leigh Woodham was recognized as having the neatest score card. Everyone seemed to enjoy the rather noisy and active evening.

The Chapter's February business meeting was held on the second at the home of Vickie Boyd. Members wished each other Happy Groundhog Day and proceeded with the regular reports. Among other things, the upcoming February social was announced as a 70s theme party at Rosemary Buchanan's on the 20th. Members were encouraged to drag out 70s style clothing to add to the event. The evening's program, Astrology was presented by the hostess Vickie. She had prepared booklets for each member based on her sign and each member read a section to share with others. As the meeting closed, the chapter was reminded that the March meeting would be at Karen McCarthy's on the 2nd.

In addition to those mentioned above, chapter members include: Micah Corbin, Heather Love, Jeanelle Meredith, Debbie Raulerson, Bridgette Subramanya, Debbie Williams and Lourdes Zeno.

Angela M. Myrick receives medal

Army Sgt. Angela M. Myrick has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a non-combat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army.

The recipients have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplished the act with distinction.

Myrick, an administration supervisor, is assigned to the Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

She is the daughter of Willeane Brown of Belle Glade.

Her husband, Eugene, is the son of Eugene W. Craig and Linda Craig, both of Harvey, La.

Myrick graduated from Glades Central High School in 1989.



Vince Carmen will perform at Glades Day School gym on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Mr. Carmen comes to the school from Circus Circus Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Circus Circus Corporation presents the largest family entertainment hotels in the world. Illusionist Vince Carmen, his wife Yvonne and daughters have been the big magic attraction at Circus Circus for several years, literally entertaining hundreds of thousands of families annually.

Mr. Carmen is a world-touring magician, providing magical illusions as entertainment, he bridges all barriers and has entertained all ages.

This is his first time at Glades Day School and all proceeds from this performance will benefit the Safety Patrol's trip to Washington, D.C. The ticket price is \$6 when purchased in advance. For each adult ticket sold it allows two children to attend for free.

Tickets at the door cost \$8 and limited seating is available. For advance tickets call Glades Day Elem. at 996-4140.

Anquan Boldin signs letter of intent with Florida State University

The mystery is finally over. Falmouth High School football player Anquan Boldin has decided to sign a letter of intent with Florida State University.

This ended a month-long recruiting surge to sign the 6 foot-1, 205 pound senior quarterback, one of the nation's top prospects who had narrowed his choices to FSA, Florida and Miami.

Anquan was the winner of the state's Mr. Football Award after shattering the state record for total career yards and it was the toughest decision he's ever had to make.

Anquan said the fact that FSU has a reputable program in criminology, in which he wants to pursue a degree, was in its favor.

Glades Day Gator Tales

By Donna Dixon & Andy Echenique

Get ready to break out your nice clothes, students, because Valentine's Day is only a few days away!

Glades Day has been preparing for this special romantic holiday for weeks.

After taking a survey, the Student Council started selling compatibility sheets for \$2 each to help students find their most likely mate. For the girls, matches went two grades above and one grade below. Matches for the guys went one grade above and two grades below.

The Student Council is also sponsoring a Jr. High Valentine's dance Saturday, Feb. 13. Students in grades 7 and 8 will have a chance to dance the night away in Tripp Hall. Tickets are on sale in advance for \$6 each. Be sure to get yours and come join the fun, whether as a couple or single.

The Class of 2001 will be delivering carnations to faculty and students this Friday, Feb. 12. The annual fund-raiser is popular among the student body as they fork over \$1 each to send a flower to that special someone - whether it's a girlfriend/boyfriend or favorite teacher. There's no better time to show your kindness and spark a

friendship. So take advantage of the holiday and surprise someone with a carnation. Profits from the sales will help the sophomores get a head start on providing monies for the Junior/Senior prom next year.

The National Honor and Junior Honor Society members are working on a yet another service project. They will be helping out at Friday's Glades Very Special Arts Festival by performing as mimes and jugglers or as volunteer assistants. The program will take place at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

On Monday, February 15, the Safety Patrol is sponsoring Vince Carmen and his Magic Show which will be held in the gym. The show begins at 7 p.m. and for every ticket purchased by a parent they will receive two free student passes. The Safety Patrol will also be holding a car wash from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the school's parking lot.

Students don't forget to purchase your donuts on Tuesdays and Thursdays at break, to help finance the Safety Patrol's trip to Washington, D.C.

Monday, Feb. 15 is also a school holiday in honor of Presidents' Day.

Bandits beat-up on Falcons

The Pahokee Bandits flag football team played against the Falcons.

The first quarter of the game the Falcons took control of the ball, but made a huge mistake by fumbling the football and allowing the Pahokee Bandits to take control. With Tyrone Smith having two touchdowns and James Burrough recovering an interception in the first quarter the score was 14-0.

The Falcons were still determined to put some points on the score board and 3:47 left in the first quarter, the Falcons made one touchdown, changing the score to 14-6.

Johnthan Johnson's

speed and vigilance stopped the Falcons running game. In the last quarter of the game the Bandits made sure the Falcons wouldn't forget them. Tyrone Richardson threw two perfect touchdowns to Ulrik Williams, and Archie Johnson scoring the two point conversion.

It seemed as if every time the Falcons received the football James Burrough and Roy Adams were there to take it away.

With only 2:23 left in the game, Joe Jenkins and Johnthan Johnson added the last points on the score board for the Bandits. The final score was 30-6.



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The theme for this event is "Don't waste Time in '99." Guest speaker will be Mrs. Atrio Moore-Williams, executive director of the Glades Community Development Corporation (GCDC).

For tickets or other information, please contact Rev. Patricia S. Wallace at 924-7030 or Teresa A. Byrnes at 924-2006 before 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. call 924-0117.

Employees at West County offices invited to reception

The Palm Beach County Western Farm Bureau invites the employees of the West County officers to meeting County Commissioner Tony Masilotti at a reception on Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Belle Glade Civic Center. The reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and the center is located at 725 N.W. 4th Street, Belle Glade.

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Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group

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Social News

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The Chapter's February business meeting was held on the second at the home of Vickie Boyd. Members wished each other Happy Groundhog Day and proceeded with the regular reports. Among other things, the upcoming February social was announced as a 70s theme party at Rosemary Buchanan's on the 20th. Members were encouraged to drag out 70s style clothing to add to the event. The evening's program, Astrology was presented by the hostess Vickie. She had prepared booklets for each member based on her sign and each member read a section to share with others. As the meeting closed, the chapter was reminded that the March meeting would be at Karen McCarthy's on the 2nd.

In addition to those mentioned above, chapter members include: Micah Corbin, Heather Love, Jeanette Meredith, Debbie Raulerson, Bridgette Subramanya, Debbie Williams and Lourdes Zeno.

Angela M. Myrick receives medal

Army Sgt. Angela M. Myrick has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a non-combat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army.

The recipients have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplished the act with distinction.

Myrick, an administration supervisor, is assigned to the Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

She is the daughter of Willeane Brown of Belle Glade.

Her husband, Eugene, is the son of Eugene W. Craig and Linda Craig, both of Harvey, La.

Myrick graduated from Glades Central High School in 1989.



Vince Carmen will perform at Glades Day School gym on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Mr. Carmen comes to the school from Circus Circus Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Circus Circus Corporation presents the largest family entertainment hotels in the world. Illusionist Vince Carmen, his wife Yvonne and daughters have been the big magic attraction at Circus Circus for several years, literally entertaining hundreds of thousands of families annually.

Mr. Carmen is a world-touring magician, providing magical illusions as entertainment, he bridges all barriers and has entertained all ages.

This is his first time at Glades Day School and all proceeds from this performance will benefit the Safety Patrol's trip to Washington, D.C. The ticket price is \$6 when purchased in advance. For each adult ticket sold it allows two children to attend for free. Tickets at the door cost \$8 and limited seating is available. For advance tickets call Glades Day Elem. at 996-4140.

Anquan Boldin signs letter of intent with Florida State University

The mystery is finally over. Pahokee High School football player Anquan Boldin has decided to sign a letter of intent with Florida State University.

This ended a month-long recruiting surge to sign the 6 foot-1, 205 pound senior quarterback, one of the nation's top prospects who had narrowed his choices to FSA, Florida and

Miami. Anquan was the winner of the state's Mr. Football Award after shattering the state record for total career yards and it was the toughest decision he's ever had to make.

Anquan said the fact that FSU has a reputable program in criminology in which he wants to pursue a degree, was in his favor.

Glades Day Gator Tales

By Donna Dixon & Andy Echenique

Get ready to break out your nice clothes, students, because Valentine's Day is only a few days away!

Glades Day has been preparing for this special romantic holiday for weeks.

After taking a survey, the Student Council started selling compatibility sheets for \$2 each to help students find their most likely mate. For the girls, matches went two grades above and one grade below. Matches for the guys went one grade above and two grades below.

The Student Council is also sponsoring a Jr. High Valentine's dance Saturday, Feb. 13. Students in grades 7 and 8 will have a chance to dance the night away in the Tripp Hall. Tickets are on sale in advance for \$6 each. Be sure to get yours and come join the fun—whether as a couple or single.

The Class of 2001 will be delivering carnations to faculty and students this Friday, Feb. 12. The annual fund-raiser is popular among the student body as they fork over \$1 each to send a flower to that special someone—whether it's a girlfriend/boyfriend or favorite teacher. There's no better time to show your kindness and spark a

friendship. So take advantage of the holiday and surprise someone with a carnation. Profits from the sales will help the sophomores get a head start on providing monies for the Junior/Senior prom next year.

The National Honor and Junior Honor Society members are working on a yet another service project. They will be helping out at Friday's Glades Very Special Arts Festival by performing as mimes and jugglers or as volunteer assistants. The program will take place at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

On Monday, February 15, the Safety Patrol is sponsoring Vince Carmen and his Magic Show which will be held in the gym. The show begins at 7 p.m. and for every ticket purchased by a parent they will receive two free student passes. The Safety Patrol will also be holding a car wash from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the school's parking lot.

Students don't forget to purchase your donuts on Tuesdays and Thursdays at break, to help finance the Safety Patrol's trip to Washington, D.C.

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The Falcons were still determined to put some points on the score board and 3:47 left in the first quarter, the Falcons made one touchdown, changing the score to 14-6.

Johnathan Johnson's

speed and vigilance stopped the Falcons running game. In the last quarter of the game the Bandits made sure the Falcons wouldn't forget them. Tyrone Richardson threw two perfect touchdowns to Ulrik Williams and Archie Johnson scoring the two point conversion.

It seemed as if every time the Falcons received the football James Burrough and Roy Adams were there to take it away.

With only 2:23 left in the game, Joe Jenkins and Johnathan Johnson added the last points on the score board for the Bandits. The final score was 30-6.



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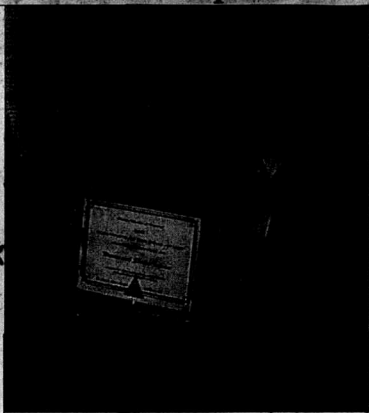
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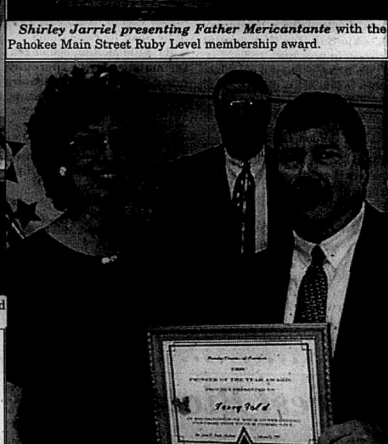
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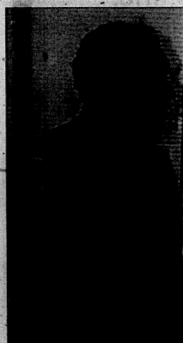
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DREAM BIG



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WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 5,328	D. Earnhardt Jr., 4,469	Ron Hornaday, 4,072
2. Mark Martin, 4,964	Matt Kenseth, 4,421	Jack Sprague, 4,469
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7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,157	Tim Fedeaux, 3,515	Stacy Compton, 3,542
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10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,786	Hermie Sadler, 3,340	Mike Bliss, 3,216

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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FROM LAST WEEK

BUD SHOOTOUT
 Ford driver Mark Martin, who lives in Daytona Beach, had never taken a checkered flag at Daytona International Speedway until last week's Bud Shootout, when he held off Ken Schrader's Chevrolet.

Martin ably demonstrated the superiority of his Ford Taurus, but only in the absence of his rival Jeff Gordon. Gordon's Chevrolet was leading until the mandatory pit stop at lap 10 out of 25. Gordon was tardy applying the brakes, and his No. 24 Monte Carlo skidded past the end line separating his stall from others. The crew changed two tires without the car back into the stall and received a 15-second penalty as a consequence. By the time Gordon left the pits, he was a lap behind and without any reasonable chance of winning. He withdrew the car from competition a lap later.

Asked if Gordon would have beaten him, Martin seemed a bit annoyed.

"I don't deal with 'what-ifs,'" he said. "The reality is that last year I didn't win the championship even though we tried. He (Gordon) did. But he didn't win the Shootout. I did."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Junie Donlavey vs.

Big Daddy's Barbecue Sauce

The kindly Virginia car owner really isn't angry. Donlavey rarely gets mad about anything. It's just that (as this page's deadline passed) the primary sponsor on his No. 90 Ford had not paid Donlavey the \$1.5 million it owed him as the first installment on his sponsorship.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "No one wishes Donlavey, one of NASCAR's surviving pioneers, anything but the best. Recent developments threaten Donlavey's future, as well as that of Mike Harmon, the driver who came along with the suspect sponsor."

John Andretti recalls history surrounding the Daytona 500

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR's This Week
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.
 Owing to his famous last name, John Andretti did not grow up considering the Daytona 500 to be the "Great American Race."

"When you grow up in Indianapolis and spend every May hanging around Indianapolis Motor Speedway as a child, the Indianapolis 500 is always the main event," said Andretti. "That's been my whole life, and it's hard to think about that ever changing."

"But even growing up in Indy, the Daytona 500 was always a big deal. It's always been a big race because of worldwide recognition. The race has always been covered

nationally. It was something you could turn on before cake or satellite dishes, and that made it a big deal. You always knew it was a big race because those were the ones where you had to adjust the rabbit ears on the TV set. Where I grew up, you made plans around the Daytona 500, the state's very people make plans around the Super Bowl now. It has always been a big race, and it carries a lot of tradition. Tradition means a whole lot to me."

ONE OF FOUR: Only four drivers have ever won both events in NASCAR Winston Cup, CART and IMSA: John Andretti, Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt and the late

Mark Donohue.
 Both John Andretti and his uncle Mario won their only NASCAR races at Daytona. John in the 1997 Pepsi 400 and Mario in the 1967 Daytona 500.

PRESSURE SELF-APPLIED: Kenny Wallace's career given a boost by his new ride with Andy Petree, will not downplay the pressure he feels to win for the first time this season.

"I'm 35 years old, and I've been let down too many times," said Wallace. "I figure that if I run scared and work harder than anybody else, that anything good will turn out for me." The expectations I've got for

myself are deep down in my soul. I'm nervous because I've set my goals so high. That's the way a competitor's I want to finish more races than I ever have in my career. If I'm having a bad day, a really horrible day, I want to finish in the top 15. This is my new lease on life, and I'm going to make the most of it."

TAKE THAT, CHARLOTTE: Texas Motor Speedway is now bringing in 10,000 temporary seats for its Winston Cup race, thus bringing seating capacity to 164,861 and pushing back past Charlotte Motor Speedway as the second largest stadium in the United States. Charlotte has until May to reclaim the spot.

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Daytona 500
 WHERE: Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 14
 DEFENDING CHAMPION: Dale Earnhardt
 TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Bill Elliott, Ford, 210.164 mph, Feb. 9, 1987
 RACE RECORD: Buddy Baker, Oldsmobile, 177.602 mph, Feb. 17, 1980.
 NOTABLE: Earnhardt has

PROFILE

Dale Earnhardt



Dale Earnhardt, left, celebrates after winning last year's Daytona 500.

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

One year ago, Dale Earnhardt broke the longest dry spell of his career when he won the Daytona 500. Unfortunately, since that storybook victory, Earnhardt has found victory lane elusive once again. He has won just one of his last 93 starts.

Regardless of how he fares this year, Earnhardt's place among the sport's all-time greats is assured. He has won 71 races and seven championships. The latter figure ties him with Richard Petty for most championships in NASCAR history.

HOMETOWN: Kannapolis, N.C., now lives in Mooresville, N.C.

AGE: 47

WIFE: Teresa

CHILDREN: Sons Dale Jr. and Kerry, daughters Kelley King and Taylor.

CAR: No. 3 Goodwrench Service Plus Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Richard Childress.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR CHANCES IN THIS YEAR'S 500? "It feels good coming back to Daytona and getting ready for a new year. It's always exciting getting started here. We feel good about our preparation over the winter, and we feel like we've got a good race car here for Daytona. We're just going to take our time in practice

and get ready for the Daytona 500. The team is coming together very well, plus we're working on the 1999 Monte Carlo (which will debut in May at Charlotte). We've got a lot of things going on that we're prepared for right now. We're working well right now and running smooth."

WILL LAST YEAR'S VICTORY IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING AGAIN? "It sure feels good to come back here with a Daytona 500 victory. It just took us a lot of years to win it, and it was a tremendous time for us down here last year. We want to repeat. It's just like the first race you win. Then you want to win another one. It's always good to win."

HOW ABOUT YOUR PROSPECTS FOR THE SEASON? "The next year is always the best year, and this is the next year. It's another opportunity to win. We'll see what happens. We'll put our best effort forward and go for it (a ninth championship)."

WHAT'S THE STRATEGY FOR DAYTONA? "If we're leading at the white flag, we'll try to keep them behind us for the last lap. It's a chess game to get there and be there and stay there for the last 10 laps. A lot of people work hard behind you to try to gain on you and shoot at you. It's just got to work out for you."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ For his victory in the first

Daytona 500 in 1959, Lee

Petty collected \$19,050. Last

February Dale Earnhardt's

winning purse was \$1,059,105.

The very least one of this

year's starters can earn is

\$82,575, which is more than

any of the winners received

from 1959-79.

Trackside Trivia

1. Where did Fred Lorenzen win his first race?
2. What is the Indian translation of Talladega?
3. In what year was North Wilkesboro Speedway built?

ANSWERS

1. Darlington Raceway (Robert 300 in 1961)
2. Bortofstown
3. 1947

Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Tony Stewart will start his first Winston Cup race on the front row.

■ **NOT:** Driving for his new team, Ricky Craven was 47th out of 58 who made qualifying runs.

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mph, 1978.

NOTABLE: The late Banjo Matthews won the first running of this race in 1959. ... Dale Earnhardt, whose son is one of the favorites, won this race five years in a row from 1990-94. ... Other former winners include Darrell Waltrip, Bobby Allison, Geoff Bodine, David Pearson, Donnie Allison, Red Farmer, Tiny Lund, Lee Roy Yarbrough, Jim Paschal, Curtis Turner and Marvin Panch.

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
 Is Jeff Gordon going to drive a new car this year? I'm 13 years old, and I've liked him since I was 4. I watch all the races and sit on the edge of my seat. Can I get Jeff's address so I can write to him? I would really like to meet him in person.

Bobbi Lary
 Albemarle, N.C.

Jeff Gordon will not be driving a new car on the Winston Cup circuit this season, but he will make five starts in the No. 24 Pepsi car on the Busch Grand National series. The car also will be driven in five to seven races by Ricky Hendrick, the son of Gordon's Winston Cup owner.

To find out more about Gordon, check out www.jeffgordon.com on the Internet, or write The Jeff Gordon National Fan Club, P.O. Box 515, 514 E. Route 66, Williams, Ariz. 86046-5015.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I would like to know the five Busch races Jeff Gordon will be racing, and the five Winston (Cup) races Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be racing.

"I want to go to a couple of Winston and Busch races, and I want to see them r-r-rumble! I enjoy your NASCAR page each week."

Bruce Augustine

Goshen, Ind.

Thanks for the compliment. Earnhardt Jr. will attempt to run Charlotte on May 30, New Hampshire on July 11, Michigan on Aug. 22, Atlanta on Oct. 17 and Homestead on Nov. 21.

Gordon's BGN schedule has not yet been finalized, but his first race is likely to be Texas on March 27.

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■ CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Putting a rookie driver on the front row of the Daytona 500 is no easy task, but that's what Greg Zupdell and the Home Depot/Pontiac team did with Tony Stewart and car owner Joe Gibbs. Stewart turned a lap at 194.599 mph and was second only to Jeff Gordon's 195.067 speed.

Stewart is a teammate of last year's Daytona 500 pole winner, Bobby Labonte.

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Top: Students at Pahokee School of Choice, the Teen Parent Kids have planted beautiful flower boxes at the Pahokee Library. The Teen Parent Square Foot Gardening is part of the teen parent program at the school. They planted Salvia, Azalea, Dusty Rose and Marigolds. Pictured L to R are: Jakiria, Larythen, Ms. Johnson, (front) Lakendra, Jennifer, Instructor Rebecca Davis, Tony and Markel.

Bottom: This is the vegetable garden planted at the School of Choice in Pahokee. Students planted the garden and are looking for elderly residents who would like a square foot garden in their yard.

The purpose of the program is to beautify the City of Pahokee, create a project to be recognized by the community, to teach students how simple and fun gardening can be and to teach them the economic benefits of having fresh produce grown at home. The program also creates an awareness in the community with an emphasis on generating community involvement. The students are aware to take home their newly learned skill and create their own garden at home.

Volunteers have donated materials for the project and Arthur Ivester built the box for the students. If you would like a garden contact the Pahokee School of Choice Teen Parent Kids.



Cpl. Carl James Carner and Cynthia Diane Wetherington announce their engagement.

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Cyndi is a dual enrollment student of Clewiston High School and Edison Community College. She will continue pursuing her degree in accounting at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C.

Carl is a 1994 graduate of Christian Day School and is currently serving with the Marine Light-Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

The sunset wedding and reception are set for June 19 at the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion.

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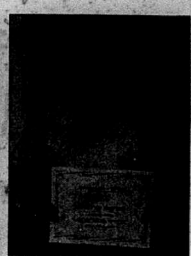
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You make a Difference Warren Ingram

Pahokee Chamber of Commerce honors local humanitarian during monthly breakfast

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce honored Warren Ingram during their monthly breakfast meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4 as part of their "You Made A Difference" program.

Mr. Ingram was recognized for his invaluable and reliable volunteerism during the past few very busy months. Chamber members gave him a warm "thank you" for all of his dedication and help, especially over the holiday season.

The Chamber welcomed new member Hilda Wilkinson. Hilda has been faithful to the community and the many projects of the Chamber.

New owners of Mrs. Georgia's, Abdul and Nazmun Mahfuz, were also welcomed to the Chamber. They are very excited about the possibilities for this well known restaurant, purchased recently from Mrs. Georgia. The menu has not changed, and they say they will still offer the same great food.

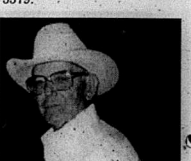
Xi Beta Tau is still selling heart-shaped Valentine cookies for \$10. To order one for your sweetheart call the Chamber office.

Many thanks went out to the Main Street Design Committee, Barbara Branch, Chair, and Shirley Jarriel, Main Street Coordinator for the newly painted Chamber building.

Glades Computer Service sponsored the monthly breakfast and gave an interesting presentation on the Y2K situation.

Pahokee Main Street honors Diamond and Ruby Level members; RC Hattori, Inc. for Diamond Level and Rev. John Mercante of Saint Mary Catholic Church for the Ruby Level.

Individual membership in the Chamber is open to anyone. The cost is \$35 each year for individuals and families. Retirees only pay \$15! If you are not a member of the Chamber or Main Street call the Chamber office at 924-5579.



Jesus Moya

Jesus Moya, 83, of Belle Glade passed away on Feb. 7.

He left behind his wife Ziola Moya, daughter Maria Pozo and sons Remberto Moya, Humberta Moya, Celestino Ruiz and Rigo Ruiz, all of Belle Glade. Mr. Moya is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mr. Moya lived in Belle Glade since he came to America from Cuba in 1965 and was retired from Big B Ranch, Gilbert's Jewelers and Torrellia's in Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held at Glades Funeral Chapel on Feb. 9.

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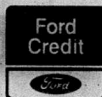
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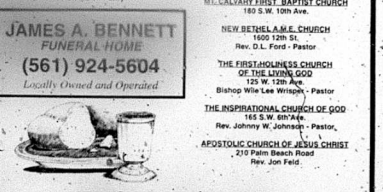
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Top: Students at Pahokee School of Choice, the Teen Parent Kids have planted beautiful flower boxes at the Pahokee Library. The Teen Parent Square Foot Gardening is part of the teen parent program at the school. They planted Salvia, Azalea, Dusty Rose and Marigolds. Pictured L to R are: Jakiria, Larythen, Ms. Johnson, (front) Lakreda, Jennifer, Instructor Rebecca Davis, Tony and Markel.

Bottom: This is the vegetable garden planted at the School of Choice in Pahokee. Students planted the garden and are looking for elderly residents who would like a square foot garden in their yard.

The purpose of the project is to beautify the City of Pahokee, create a project to be recognized by the community, to teach students how simple and fun gardening can be and to teach them the economic benefits of having fresh produce grown at home. The program also creates an awareness in the community with an emphasis on generating community involvement. The students are able to take home their newly learned skill and create their own garden at home.

Volunteers have donated materials for the project and Arthur Iveslor built the box for the students. If you would like a garden contact the Pahokee School of Choice Teen Parent Kids.



Capt. Carl James Carner and Cynthia Diane Wetherington announce their engagement.

Engagement Announced

Wayne and Teresa Wetherington are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Diane to Capt. Carl James Carner, son of John and Wanda Carner of Clewiston and the late Tonya Carner Bishop.

Cyndi is a dual enrollment student of Clewiston High School and Edison Community College. She will continue pursuing her degree in accounting at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C.

Carl is a 1994 graduate of Christian Day School and is currently serving with the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N.C.

The sunset wedding and reception are set for June 19 at the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion.

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African Children's Choir to visit local churches

The Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir will be visiting the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on Feb. 25 for a performance at 7 p.m.

Then, on Feb. 26, the group will visit the Good Shepherd Church of God with a performance at 7 p.m.

The group tour the world spreading its message of hope and joy. They are selected annually from among thousands of orphans and disadvantaged children in East Africa. The choir has been privileged to sing for presidents, TV viewers and concert audiences the world over. A lively, choreographed concert with the African Children's Choir is an unforgettable, moving experience.



You make a Difference Warren Ingram

Pahokee Chamber of Commerce honors local humanitarian during monthly breakfast

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce honored Warren Ingram during their monthly breakfast meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4 as part of their "You Made A Difference" program.

Mr. Ingram was recognized for his invaluable and reliable volunteerism during the past few very busy months. Chamber members gave him a warm "thank you" for all of his dedication and help, especially over the holiday season.

The Chamber welcomed new member Hilda Wilkinson. Hilda has been faithful to the community and the many projects of the Chamber.

Mrs. Georgia, Abdul and Nazam Mahfiz, were also welcomed to the Chamber. They are very excited about the possibilities for this well known restaurant, purchased recently from Mrs. Georgia. The menu has not changed, and they say they will still offer the same great food.

Xi Beta Tau is still selling heart-shaped Valentine cookies for \$10. To order one for your sweetheart call the Chamber office.

Many thanks went out to the Main Street Design Committee, Barbara Branch, chair; and Shirley Jarriel, Main-Street Coordinator for the newly painted Chamber building.

Glades Computer Service sponsored the monthly breakfast and gave an interesting presentation on the Y2K situation.

Pahokee Main Street honors Diamond and Ruby Level members; RC Hatten, Inc. for Diamond Level and Rev John Mercantante of Saint Mary Catholic Church for the Ruby Level.

Individual membership in the Chamber is open to anyone. The cost is \$35 each year for individuals and families. Retires only pay \$15! If you are not a member of the Chamber or Main Street call the Chamber office at 924-5579.



Jesus Moya

Jesus Moya, 83, of Belle Glade passed away on Feb. 7.

He left behind his wife Ziola Moya, daughter Maria Pozo and sons Remberto Moya, Humberta Moya, Celestino Ruiz and Rigo Ruiz, all of Belle Glade.

Mr. Moya is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mr. Moya lived in Belle Glade since he came to America from Cuba in 1965 and was retired from Big B Ranch, Gilbert's Jewelers and Torrecilla's in Belle Glade.

Funeral services were held at Glades Funeral Chapel on Feb. 9.

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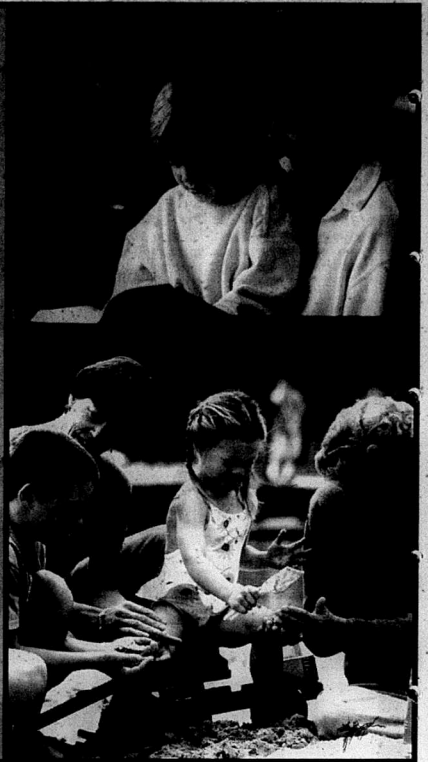


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Children's dental...continued from page 3

- When explaining dental procedures, avoid using words like "hurt" or "pain". For example, when describing a dental injection, use "bother" or "uncomfortable" instead.
 - Reinforce the positive things about visiting the dentist - having a healthy mouth, pretty white teeth, "prizes" for good behavior.
 - Consider taking your child to a pediatric dentist - a dentist who specializes in treating children. Pediatric dentists have special training and equipment, and their offices are geared toward insuring that young patients have pleasant dental visits.
 - Remember that children can learn fear from their parents. Avoid talking about your own dental anxiety in front of your child.
 - Help children think of visiting the dentist as a positive experience. Explain that the dentist's job is to make sure he or she has a healthy, happy mouth!
- With a membership of almost 6500 licensed dentists, the Florida Dental Association represents almost 80 percent of all Florida licensed dentists. The FDA's mission is to improve the public's health through professional and patient education and maintaining high practice standards.

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THE VARSITY LADY RAIDERS placed ◆ second in the District Tournament, with a 16-9 record for the year. Pictured l-r, back row: Coach Assistant Carolyn Vickers, Princess Walker, Charissa Anderson, Jermira Robinson, Faryl Morris, Kim Coleman and Head Coach Yolanda Rhodes. Front row: LaTess Hill, Jentle Chatman, Shameka Thomas and Amanda McGriff.



◆ **CO-CAPTAIN FARYL MORRIS** moves on to FAMU. She will be missed. Faryl is well respected among not only her teammates, but also the entire student body.

SHANTORIA WILLIAMS (l) receives special thanks from Coach Yolanda Rhodes (r) for her support and dedication to her duties as statistician.



◆ **THE SENIORS ON THE LADY RAIDERS TEAM** were recognized with their parents. Each player presented their parent with a rose. Pictured l-r are: Janice Coleman, Kim Coleman, Head Coach Yolanda Rhodes, Clarence Morris, Assistant Coach Carolyn Vickers, Faryl Morris, Jermira Robinson and Charlie Robinson.



◆ **CO-CAPTAIN KIM COLEMAN** has yet to decide which college to attend, but wherever she goes, she's sure to keep the tempo going as she's done on the court.



◆ **MONIQUE BELLANY** (l) also served as statistician for the Lady Raiders and Coach Yolanda Rhodes (r) gave thanks for her dedication and support.

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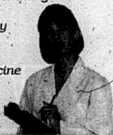
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... helping you live a better, healthier life with programs that include:

Cardiac Rehabilitation
Stress Management
Weight Watchers
Breast Self-Exam Education
Smoking Cessation
Fitness Evaluations
Body Fat Composition
Discounted Diagnostic Lab Tests

*We're Here For You...
With Surgery...*

... in our out-patient and in-patient surgical suites meeting your needs in:

General and Vascular Surgery
Orthopaedic and Hand Surgery



*We're Here For You...
With Physical Therapy...*

... to help treat, heal and prevent injuries through:

Therapeutic Exercise, Massage, Electrical Stim and Hot/Cold Packs
Hydrotherapy, Heat Therapy, Whirlpool, Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatments
Biomechanical Orthotic Evaluation/Fitting and Prosthetics
Safety in Services, Job Simulation Activities, Work Re-Conditioning
Ergonomic Evaluation/Training
Isokinetic Dynamometer Evaluation/Training



*We're Here For You...
In Every Stage of Life...*

... with physicians offering services including:

Obstetrics, Neonatology and Pediatrics
Family Practice and Internal Medicine
Nephrology, Neurology and Pain Management
Pulmonology and Cardiology
Gastroenterology
General, Vascular, Orthopaedic and Hand Surgery

Caring for Our Community
through our clinic - Physicians Park, offering:

Family Practice and Internal Medicine
Pulmonology
Preventive Care
Women's Health
Treatment of Minor Injuries
Pre-Employment and Annual Physicals
School and Sports Physicals
Immunizations

Industrial Medicine - PFTs, Drug Screens, PT Exals
Accepting most major insurances, HMOs, Medicaid and Medicare. We accept walk-ins and appointment are available.



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